

Representatives can be no more restrictive than the primary election for the local Legislature, for the state Legislature. The fact that we have a nonpartisan state Legislature makes us unique. So I don't think we should opt to escape the issue by talking about other states and caucuses. The more we do that, the more we stray from the question at hand which is, do we abide by the U.S. Supreme Court decision or don't we? Senator Withem would like to respond to this also.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, if I could, Senator Chizek, attempt to respond to that. The caucus system that Iowa has deals with their selection of delegates to their national convention for purposes of choosing presidential candidates. The method in which Nebraska decides to choose it's delegates to its national nominating conventions is not at question here at all with Senator Rupp's amendment. The only thing that is at question, I believe, Senator Rupp, is primary elections for U.S. Senate and primary elections for members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas, please, then Senator Remmers. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Yes, I guess I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Rupp, would you like to close on your motion?

SENATOR RUPP: Yes, Mr. President, and colleagues, I have a sneaking suspicion we are about to shoot ourself in the foot. And I want you to know once again that the fault is not going to be mine if this thing goes sour. I would respond to a few remarks that were made. Senator Lamb said the Government Committee moved the daylight savings time bill. That was noncontroversial and it was quite straightforward and very simple. This is not that way. I will tell you what we are going to do if we don't adopt this amendment. The bill is going to go on and pass, then nobody is going to think about this for the next year. We are all going to go home and go our different ways and everybody is going to say, out of sight, out of mind.